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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT

[REDACTED] CLAIMS
THAT NHU IS RUNNING THE GOVERNMENT [REDACTED]

DATE DISTR. 20 SEPTEMBER 1963

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

DATE OF INFO. [REDACTED]

REFERENCES

IN 23169

PLACE &

DATE ACQ. VIETNAM, SAIGON [REDACTED]

FIELD REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] SAID ON SEPTEMBER 1963 THAT NGO DINH NHU WAS RUNNING THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT PRESIDENT DIEM WAS UNAWARE OF AFFAIRS OF STATE. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT THERE WAS A SPLIT BETWEEN DIEM AND NHU AND THAT DIEM NO LONGER TRUSTED NHU, ADDING THAT THE FAMILY WAS "FINISHED."

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2. [REDACTED] MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS [REDACTED] SEPTEMBER:

A. NHU IS IN CHARGE. OFFICIAL REPORTS ARE SENT DIRECTLY TO NHU, WHO DOES NOT PASS THEM ON TO DIEM; THEREFORE, [REDACTED] DIEM WERE AWARE OF CURRENT MATTERS.

B. DIEM NO LONGER TRUSTS NHU, NHU TRICKED DIEM INTO AUTHORIZING THE 20-21 AUGUST PAGODA RAIDS BY SHOWING HIM A SECRET REPORT PURPORTING TO DISCLOSE A NATIONWIDE BUDDHIST PLAN FOR A COUP D'ETAT. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT THIS DOCUMENT WAS A FORGERY AND THAT THE ARMS "DISCOVERED" IN THE PAGODAS HAD BEEN PLANTED.

C. A REAL CLEAVAGE EXISTS BETWEEN PRESIDENT DIEM AND NGO DINH NHU.

D. [REDACTED]

E. THE FAMILY IS "FINISHED".

3. [REDACTED] DISSEM. STATE ARMY NAVY AIR USMACV MAAG USOM USIS 9TH FLD STA 2ND AIR DIV. CINCPAC PACFLT ARPAC PACAF.

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